

FIRST READING*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Ezekiel 37:12-14**Responsorial Psalm**Response: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of compassion.***Psalm 129**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.	2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)	4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

SECOND READING*The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.***Romans 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL*I am the resurrection and the life.***John 11:1-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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Sunday, 2nd April 2017 – 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A**Masses, Devotions and Services**

		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	1 st April	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass:	No Morning Mass
Sunday	2 nd April 5 th Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass: Dec'd M Burns Family 4:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Gloria Gascon
Monday	3 rd April	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	4 th April		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	5 th April	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday	6 th April		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	7 th April	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	7:00pm Mass:
Saturday	8 th April	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass:	No Morning Mass
Sunday	9 th April Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross

Forward Together In Hope

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

Parish Mission Statement

"You send forth your spirit they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)

We are a community who meet Jesus in His words and in His Sacraments.

Filled then, with the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community of faith, hope, love and hospitality.

As the Gospel is proclaimed, celebrated and lived out in our daily lives, we are sent out to renew the face of the earth

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Lent 2017

Lenten Course

This week we will be continuing our Lenten Course, called 'Sharing our Gifts'. We will be exploring the variety of ministries that are needed for a community to be a flourishing parish. I am delighted that all the input will be led by parishioners which shows the depth and range of gifts we have. The talks will be taking place at St Cuthbert's and will start at 7.00pm

April 5th Administration - David Leane & Sheila Hall
April 12th Seeking Justice and Social Outreach
- Peter Quinn and Fr Chris.

This week we will start with a reflection on the importance of administration in parish life and the relationship of this ministry to the other ministries we have been focusing upon in this series. The reflection will be led by David Leane, the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Fr Chris hopes the variety of issues will show the diversity of parish ministry but all aspects are needed and we are all called to reflect on how we can contribute to this variety of ministries

Worship in Lent

Every Sunday will have Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm. This week Stations will be at St Cuthberts. There will be an evening Mass on Friday evenings at 7.00pm, until April 7th at St Joseph's

Penitential Service

The Deanery Penitential Service will be on Thursday April 6th at 7.00pm at St Thomas More's Academy

Schools Passion Play

On the afternoon of April 7th There will be a joint Pasion Play with Christ's Church C of E School and St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Primary Schools starting at Northumberland Square at 1.30pm

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 8th/9th April with blessing and distribution of palms
Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm St Cuthbert's
Sunday Mass: 9.30am St Joseph's
11.00am St Cuthbert's

Monday 10th April 9.30am Mass at St Cuthbert's
Tuesday 11th April 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's
Wednesday 12th April 9.30am Mass at St Cuthbert's

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 13th April –
7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, at St Joseph's

Good Friday - Friday 14th April –
10.00am Churches Together Joint Witness and Procession at Northumberland Square
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion at St Cuthbert's

Holy Saturday - Saturday 15th April
8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's with Reception into the Catholic Church Jo-Anna Barton-Gates and Lucas Richter

Easter Sunday - Sunday 16th April
Mass 9.30am St Joseph's
Mass 11.00am St Cuthbert's

Please pray for ... A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews: Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, Human Life and Seafarers. Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Jackie Kelly, Joseph Ackerley, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Arbuster, baby Eliana Carter and David McManus. We pray for Fr Leo Coughlin who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Collections

26th March 2017 - £758.54
Cafod - £348.73

CAFOD Emergency Appeal for East Africa

CAFOD as part of Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) is appealing for funds for the humanitarian crisis in East Africa. We will have an emergency special collection this weekend. Please give any CAFOD envelopes in as soon as possible.

Liturgy and Formation Group

This group will be meeting on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's.

Diocesan Chief Operations Officer

We have been informed by the diocese that it has decided for the meantime not to proceed with the process of appointing a new Chief Operations Officer to replace Kathleen Smith who retires in May. Instead, the diocesan head of finance, Mr Jeff Ledger, has been appointed on a temporary appointment for this role for six months starting in May. Please keep him and all the diocesan administration team in your prayers at this time of transition.

Confirmation Catechists

A day for Confirmation Catechists and those interested in becoming Confirmation Catechists, Saturday 29th April 2017 10.00am - 3.00pm St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. Please see poster at back of Church.

Lourdes Trip

Fr Peter Stott has been in touch with information for this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will be from July 28th to August 4th. Please see poster at the back of the Church for more information.

Jumble Sale

The jumble sale raised £625. Thanks and well done to all who took part.

Young People in the Parish

The monthly meeting of the group will be this Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 6.00pm

Tyne and Wear Citizens

St Cuthbert's school have become a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens and were going to start a campaign for traffic calming measures down Coach Lane. Mr Dillon and Sara Bryson, Tyne & Wear's Community Organiser, met a local councillor informing that this campaign would be taking place. It may be a co-incident but Mr Dillon has been informed that after five years of seeking to get traffic calming measures in Coach Lane, the local council have informed him that such measures are going to take place on Coach Lane - Great News. St Thomas More's Academy has also joined as a member.

Social Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held on Monday April 3rd at 7:00pm at St Cuthbert's.

Liturgy and Formation.

The next meeting of the Liturgy and Formation group is Tuesday April 4th at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's.

Young People and Moving Forward Together in Hope

As we move into new partnership, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way We See It' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on **Saturday 13th May**, called 'The Way We See It: A Response'. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org. Details also on the YMT website www.ymt.org

Job Vacancy in Hospital Chaplaincy

A part time Catholic Chaplaincy post for Durham & Darlington NHS Trust is advertised on NHS Jobs: www.jobs.nhs.uk
Enter the job reference: 439-AEC-13393-1.

CAFOD'S Gap Year

There is still time to apply to CAFOD's gap year programme, including a new placement at Leeds Trinity University. For anyone aged 18 – 30: an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year or call Catherine / Lucy on 0207 095 5308. The speaker we had from CAFOD last week, Brigid Duffy, is one of those taking part in this Gap programme. Fr Chris thinks this is a great opportunity for a young adult to broaden her or his horizons, learn more about the developed world and to grow in faith and maturity.

Action Hosting Open Evening

Action Hosting is part of a Newcastle based organisation, Action Foundation, that six months ago started their hosting scheme for destitute asylum seekers. They are looking for new volunteer hosts and are holding open evenings to talk about our scheme. If you have a spare room and would like to help someone who is homeless, then hosting may suit you. Hosts will provide a safe place to sleep, for people who have nowhere else to go, for an agreed and defined amount of time. We will provide full induction training to all hosts who are eligible to become part of the scheme. Would you like to find out more? Come to our meeting and we can tell you how the scheme works and what support we will give you. There is more information about the scheme here: www.actionfoundation.org.uk/projects_hosting.html
If you would like to come to our meeting, please RSVP at hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk and let us know which date you would like to attend.

The dates for the evenings are: Wednesday, May 10th 18:00-19:00, Wednesday, June 21st 18:00-19:00. The open evening will take place at The Castle Gate, Melbourne Street, Newcastle NE1 2JQ

Volunteers for North Tyneside General Mass

On Saturday mornings, Mass is celebrated at North Tyneside General Hospital, with special ministers taking communion to patients on the wards. More special ministers are needed. If any of the special ministers would like to be on the rota please let Fr Chris know.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

Quiet day of reflection during Lent
Wednesday 5th April – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ

Mercy Associates

There will be a Mercy Associates Coffee Morning plus Hot Cross Bun at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, 4th April at 10:15 am. Tickets £1.00. To raise funds in their campaign against human trafficking.

Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball money is due today, £5.00 for 5 weeks.

Social Calendar

Future events are as follows:
23rd April - Afternoon Tea at St Josephs
27th May - Polish Night (food etc more info later)
10th June - Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts

Future Events

Sr Lucy Kurien is the Director of Maher who will be speaking at St. Cuthbert's May 16th at St Cuthberts.